

# Welcome New Members

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# President's Message

Fall has arrived and we have had our first Chapter meeting of the year at Salvatore Ristorante. My thanks to those in attendance for the warm reception and their undivided attention as I presided over my first meeting as President of this wonderful group – your support and enthusiasm was a real confidence booster!

Professor Roy Baas' presentation entitled "World Economic & Financial Crisis 2008-2009: Its Causes and Economic & Political Solutions" was most interesting and a real eye-opener. To see the monetary amounts enumerated and presented in one place provided real impact as to the depth and severity of the current financial crisis occurring in the United States and its effect on worldwide financial markets.

Congratulations to new member Rebecca Hetzler and Chapter Publicity Chair, Faye Martin, on the recent receipt of their CGFM designations. Both of your fellow members participated in the testing offered in conjunction with this past summer's National PDC held here in New Orleans. If you do not currently hold the designation, please consider working with our CGFM Chair, Pam Lincoln, as she is acquiring the necessary materials and organizing study groups for those interested in pursuing this professional designation.

Also, congratulations to Peggy Javery and Marcie Tureaud on their selection and appointment to the offices of Regional Education Coordinator and Regional Chapter Development & Assistance Coordinator, respectively. I know that these ladies will represent our Chapter well.

President-Elect Darlene Fisher will be presiding over the October 15 meeting in my absence. I know that she will do an outstanding job and hope that you will all make every attempt to attend this dinner meeting to be held at Speckled T's in Slidell.

Remember that your help is needed to grow our Chapter --- I challenge you all to get involved and invite a potential member to every meeting and event that we have scheduled. With your support and participation I know that we will answer National President Billy Morehead's call to "Think BIG and act courageously!"

Amanda L. Green, CGFM Chapter President

# Dinner Meeting Thursday, October 15, 2009



Mark S. Lewis, LTC Louisiana - Tech Capital of the South® "Quality Always Wins" and "Service and Support Matter" Voice: (504) 304-2911 http://www.LTC-LA.org

#### Mark S. Lewis Biographical Sketch:

Mark received his BS degree in Finance from Boston College and an MBA in Marketing from Tulane. Mark worked for 13 years with IBM, before leaving in February 1994 as a territory manager and helped formed Communiqué, a New Orleans base Internet Service Provider (ISP). As President of the company, Communiqué quickly became the Gulf South's largest regional ISP building a client based of over 10,000 users. In late 1997 Communiqué was sold to a national ISP provider and a year later he formed a marketing company called EyeOnet, which quickly merged with two other technology companies to form a full service networking and internet company called Orange Twine. As Chairman and Director of Business Development, Mark oversaw the complete operations of the company and in November of 2000, Orange Twine was chosen by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce as the Rising Tide Small Business of the Year in Technology. Orange Twine was then purchased by AIR2LAN. In October of 2002, Mark assumed the role of President of the Louisiana Technology Council (LTC) to assist with the technological development of individuals and member organizations and provide programs, support and other value added services to LTC members. In November of 2005, Mark was selected by the Governor's office as Technology Leader of the Year for the State of Louisiana for his contributions and leadership in the technology industry.

The LTC provides about 70 events a year for the technology and business community and his leadership has allowed the LTC to grow its membership from 117 to over 330 member companies. His mission is to help make Louisiana Tech Capital of the South©.

# The New Orleans Chapter Received the Group C Community Service Award



The New Orleans Chapter received the Group C Community Service Award at the National PDC. Pictured (from left to right) are: Pam Lincoln; Howard Tamborella; Peggy Javery; Marcie Tureaud; Amanda Green; Rose Lo – Five Happiness Restaurant; Nathaniel Franklin – first beneficiary of the AGA National Community Service Project's efforts; AGA 2008-09 National President Sam Mok; and, Jeff Hart -- Past National President and leader of the AGA National Community Service Project.

# AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings 2009-2010 (Tentative)

Date	Time	Location* & Cost	Speaker* & CPE	Menu
October 15, 2009	5:30 P.M. Social Period & Cash Bar  6:00 P.M. Dinner Meeting	Speckled T's 158 S. Military Road Slidell, LA <b>Cost:</b> AGA Members: \$28	Mark Lewis 1 CPE	Salad Entrée Choices: Grilled Chicken Breast w/Mixed Vegetables Seafood Pasta w/ Garlic Breac Fried Catfish w/ French Fries Fried Shrimp w/ French Fries
	Diffici Meeting	Guest: \$30		Dessert: Bread Pudding Coffee or Tea
November 19, 2009	11:30 A.M.	Dookie Chase 2301 Orleans Avenue New Orleans, LA	Timothy P. Ryan, Ph.D. Chancellor, University of New Orleans 1 CPE	
December 18, 2009	7:00 P.M.	Smiley's 5725 Jefferson Hwy. Harahan, LA	Christmas Party	
January 21, 2010	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center Executive Dining Room 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	Internal Revenue Service Representative Tax Update 1 CPE	
February 18, 2010	5:30 P.M.	Don's Seafood Hut 4801 Veterans Blvd. Metairie, LA 70006	TBD 1 CPE	
March 17 or 18, 2010 (Check date with ASWA)	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants (their year to book speaker) 1 CPE	
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April 8, 2010	5:30 P.M.	Middendorf's Manchac, LA (Tentative)	National President  Joint meeting with BR  Chapter - Host	
			1 CPE	
May 20, 2010	5:30 P.M.	Green Acre's Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Avenue Metairie, LA		Crawfish Boil
June 2, 2010 (Depends on Schedule)	5:30 P.M	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Chapter Awards Ceremony & Baseball Game	

<sup>\*</sup> Tentative - Locations & Speakers based upon availability

# AGA Newsletter Membership/Early Careers

As part of our membership goal, Amanda Green, Marcie Tureaud, Jullin Renthrope, Knica Lloyd, Faye Martin and I attended the *Meet the Firms* event which was presented by the University of New Orleans (U.N.O.) Beta Alpha Psi – Gamma Sigma Chapter on Friday, September 11, 2009.

The festivities took place at the beautiful Plimsoll Club located on the 30<sup>th</sup> floor of the World Trade Center. The evening was a very remarkable one, as well as, informational for me, being that it was my first time attending an AGA invited event. We all met new students from U.N.O. who are preparing to graduate and are looking for organizations to secure their future jobs in a failing job market, as well as, getting involved. I have obtained lots of knowledge from the students during the brief conversations. In the near future, we will schedule several AGA events with three local universities, where we will meet with the Accounting Department and discuss the benefits of joining our organization.

This is something that we all should invest time in..., the future generations, which will be the generation of AGA!

Thomas Sylvester Membership/Early Career Co-Chair

# AGA New Orleans Chapter Educational Sessions 2009 – 2010

Date	Time	Place	Session/Speaker
11/18/2009	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center MAF Auditorium 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	Auditors' Role in Government Performance Measures
12/16/2009	1:00 p.m 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center	Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud
02/10/2010	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center	Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
03/03/2010	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center	Fraud
05/19/2010	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center	Ethics in Government

# Advanced Forensic Accounting And Fraud Investigations Seminar

Sponsored by: The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) New Orleans Chapter

Date: Friday, October 16, 2009

Time: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., registration begins at 7:30 A.M.

**Speaker:** John Hanson, Huron Consulting Group

**Topic:** Advanced Forensic Accounting & Fraud Investigations

**Location:** Postlewaite & Netterville

2324 Severn Avenue

Metairie, LA

**Parking:** Nearby free parking available

**Attendance Limit:** 40

Cost: \$50 members, \$60 non-members and \$40 students

**CPE Hours:** 8 Hours

Payment Methods: Cash or check (make check payable to: IIA-New Orleans Chapter). Credit Cards are

NOT accepted. Payment is required on the day of the Seminar. Corporations may arrange for billing by contacting Becky Hammond, Treasurer, at <a href="mailto:bhammond@silva-">bhammond@silva-</a>

cpa.com or at 985-626-8299, ext. 2006.

**Menu:** Sandwich (Choose one listed below; please specify selection at online registration):

• HONEYBAKED HAM CLASSIC - HoneyBaked Ham, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, Hickory's Honey Mustard and tangy mayo on a bakery roll.

- SMOKED TURKEY BREAST CLASSIC HoneyBaked Smoked Turkey Breast, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, Hickory Honey Mustard and tangy mayo on a bakery roll.
- VEGGIE DELIGHT Leaf lettuce, tomatoes, red onions, black olives, swiss and cheddar cheese, and ranch dressing on multigrain bread.

Each sandwich is served with a <u>bag of chips</u> and a <u>Turtle Brownie</u>. In addition, a <u>light</u> breakfast and afternoon snack will be made available.

\*\*Registration Deadline: You must register online by noon on Monday, October 12, 2009, at <a href="https://www.theiia/chapters/index.cfm?cid=35">www.theiia/chapters/index.cfm?cid=35</a>. Cancellations must be received by noon on Monday, October 12th, as well. No shows will be billed. \*\*

# Association of Government Accountants Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Annual Plan for the New Orleans Chapter 2009-2010

# **GOAL 1 - Support Current CGFMs**

- □ Publish CGFM member's achievements in newsletter and local newspapers.
- □ Partner with other organizations and/or governmental entities to promote the CGFM designation.
- □ Recognize local CGFMs by using the CGFM designation in chapter publications, name tags, etc.
- □ Contribute items to chapter newsletter such as CGFM recognition, study suggestions, encouragement, and technical requirements.
- □ Publicize new CGFMs in chapter and local publications.

# **GOAL 2 - Market CGFM Locally**

- □ Encourage employer policy change to recognize CGFM.
- □ Solicit endorsements of CGFM from area employers and elected officials.
- □ Coordinate with the Regional and National coordinators to assist in promoting the Chapters goal.
- □ Contact area government accountability leaders.
- □ Create an awareness of the value of CGFM to the general public.

# GOAL 3 - Assist Potential New CGFMs in Attaining Certification

- □ Coordinate study groups.
- □ Develop a mentoring program.
- Develop other study options.
- □ Develop a plan in the Chapter to offer CGFM courses.
- □ Provide a CGFM Examination Scholarship.

# **Congratulations New CGFMs**

Rebecca Hetzler Faye Martin

# 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Accomplishments and services provided to members:

- 20 hours of CPE were offered at a combination of 7 monthly meetings, the annual spring seminar and 5 tele/audio conferences.
- CPEs offered met CGFM requirements; additional outside sources of CPEs were identified and promoted via chapter website and newsletter.
- CGFM designations were used in chapter publications and on name tags, as appropriate.
- Award accepted at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition held in New Orleans for achieving the highest overall growth percentage (16 percent growth) in our chapter size grouping for the membership year.
- Award accepted at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition held in New Orleans for achieving Platinum level in Chapter Recognition Points.
- Community service activities during the year included: collection of school supplies for
  distribution to students in Terrebonne and Plaquemines parishes impacted by
  hurricanes Gustave and Ike; food drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater
  New Orleans and Acadiana; toy collection to benefit Toys for Tots; teddy bears collected
  for distribution to patients in Children's Hospital during the holiday season; Adopt-AChild for Christmas; cell phone and personal care items collected for donation to the
  local battered women's shelter; magazines collected for delivery to nursing homes; and
  participation in the annual AGA National Community Service project.
- Chapter received the prestigious Chapter Community Service Award which was presented at the 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition held in New Orleans. The New Orleans Chapter collaborated to rebuild New Orleans homes with AGA and the Habitat for Humanity organization after the devastation that was caused by Hurricane Katrina. In 2007, local city officials estimated that 20,000 buildings were uninhabitable and 27,000 families were still living in 300-square-foot government issued trailers across the state. As a result, the New Orleans Chapter immediately jumped in to lend a hand to those in need. With the tremendous success of this project during the first year, an annual AGA National Community Service project was born.
- The New Orleans Chapter served as Host Committee for the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition which was held in New Orleans June 21-24, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda L. Green, CGFM Chapter President September 30, 2009

# AGA - New Orleans Chapter 2009-2010 Community Service Plan Planned Community Service Events

#### 1. School Supplies - August 2009 through September 2009

Assist Orleans Parish Schools by donating school supplies to help those in need (Most deserving school will be selected by the School Board)

(Closed)

#### 2. Thanksgiving - Canned and Dry Goods

Replenish the Second Harvesters Food Bank of Greater New Orleans - November 2009

#### 3. Toys for Tots - Adopt-A-Child

Christmas Gifts for Needy Children - December 2009

#### 4. Children's Hospital

Teddy Bear collection for hospitalized children - December 2009

#### 5. Rebuilding Together New Orleans <u>www.rtno.org</u>

Assist with revitalizing houses for the elderly, disabled, or families with children - TBD

#### 6. Dress for Success - SOS "Send One Suit" Week

Accept donations of slightly used clothing for disadvantaged women entering the workforce - TBD

#### 7. On-going Community Service Collections

Slightly used DVDs for area Nursing Homes

Magazines for Nursing Homes

Cell phones for Battered Women

Personal Care Products

Slightly used clothes for mission centers

2009–2010 New Orleans Chapter Community Service Contacts:

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# **Community Service in ACTION**



Pictured at top standing (from left) are Chief Bernard Bilbo (OPSB Superintendent's Office), Gary Millet (Treasurer, AGA New Orleans Chapter), Monique Banks (AGA Community Service Co-Chair), Cathy Toni Chase (Parental Involvement Specialist), Debra Lowe (Parent Liaison), Linda Lewis (AGA Community Service Co-Chair), Darryl Kilbert, OPSB Superintendent (not pictured).





Pictured are members from the Orleans Parish School Board Superintendent's Office picking up supplies donated by AGA Members and Employees located at National Finance Center.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the AGA School Supply Drive!

# Community Service (AGA) Cell Phones Drive 2009-2010 Your Donated Phone could save a life!

All cell phones collected during this drive will benefit the St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Program located at 3010 Jean Lafitte Pkwy, Chalmette, LA 70043. Please consider donating your old used cell phones.

These phones could be reconditioned and processed by supporting agencies at no charge and given to victims and their families. There **are no costs** at all to victims in desperate situations and they receive **FREE** emergency use cell phones.



Spread the word to co-workers, family members, church members, etc. Please remember to bring your unused cell phones to the next dinner meeting or contact your Community Service Chairperson to have your phones picked up.

Contact: Monique Banks, Co-Chair Community Service 504-426-0282 Linda Lewis, Co-Chair Community Service 504-426-6121.

Together we can make a difference!

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# Good Volunteer Jobs for Families and Kids

Families can do many volunteer jobs. Even the smallest child (with adult supervision) can pick up garbage at the park, playground, or beach. You don't even have to be part of a big effort to do this. Get your family together, find some garbage bags, and head out. Or become involved in repair and renovation efforts for low-income residents. Younger kids might not be able to do the big jobs, but helping out by fetching a paintbrush or holding the nails involves them just the same.

Work at a community food bank or soup kitchen as a family. Find an organization that serves the elderly. Take food to people who are homebound and visit with them. Your kids can brighten a lonely senior's day instantly. Offer your family's help at the local animal shelter. Help plant flowers or trees. The possibilities are endless.

Whatever you choose to do, volunteering and community service can benefit both the community and your family. Get involved today!

Look forward to our next AGA community service project.

Make the Holidays Less Materialistic

Get Involved at Your Child's School

Volunteerism Strengthens Your Family and Your Community

DO IT TOGETHER!

#### Memorial for Pat Hanks

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of **Pat Hanks**, a former member of AGA, who died on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2009. She is fondly remembered by those she left behind. Wade, her husband, describes her optimistic personality beautifully, stating, "her spirit had been growing during the past few years and had simply grown too big for her body."

# 2009 University of New Orleans ACCOUNTING LECTURE SERIES

Friday, November 13, 2009

Jefferson Orleans South 2536 Edenborn Ave. Metairie, LA 70002



The **Gamma Sigma Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi** is pleased to present our 2009 Accounting Lecture Series (ALS). This CPE event will take place from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with check-in starting at 7:15 AM. Lectures will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. Please mark your calendars!

Our outstanding line-up consists of the following speakers and topics:

Session	Speaker	Topic
8:00-8:15	Dr. Philip Harmelink, Ph.D,CPA Chairman of the Department of Accounting	Welcome
8:15-9:05	Cynthia Lee-Sheng, CPA, CFE Jefferson Parish Council District 5	Ethics Overview
9:10-10:00	Richard Duplantier, Partner at Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith	Legal Liability
10:05-10:55	Kathy Nieland, CPA Managing Partner - Pricewaterhouse Coopers	IFRS Update
11:00-11:50	Brent Silva, Managing Partner Silva Gurtner & Abney, CPAs, LLC	QC No. 7
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-1:50	White Collar Crime Division, U.S. Attorney Office	White Collar Crime / Financial Fraud
1:55-3:35	Gerard H. Schreiber, Jr. CPA - Schreiber & Schreiber	Current Tax Issues
3:40-4:30	Robert Angelico, Shareholder Liskow & Lewis, APLC	Professional Update

Registration fee: \$140	Late Registration fee: \$160 (Nov. 1- Nov. 13)
<b>Registration Deadline:</b> October 31, 2009	CPE Credit: 8 hrs

**Lunch fare**: Chicken Cordon Bleu, a Vegetarian alternative, and a kosher alternative (If registering online – please email <a href="mailto:BAP@uno.edu">BAP@uno.edu</a> with meal choice)

# To register and pay online, please go to:

http://alsuno2009.eventsbot.com

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## To pay by check, mail this form and your payment to:

Beta Alpha Psi - Attn: D. Alvarez
University of New Orleans
Department of Accounting
Kirschman Hall, Room 478
2000 Lakeshore Dr.
New Orleans, LA 70148

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Name: Address:		Firm:	
Phone#:		Email:	
Food Preference:	Chicken $\square$	Vegetarian 🗌	Kosher 🗆
	If you have any	questions, please call 50	04-481-2306

# Association of Governmental ACCOUNTANTS ~ New ORLEANS CHAPTER

Tele-conference No. 1

www.nfc.usda.gov/aga

November 18, 2009

#### **TOPIC:**

A NEW SERVICE MODEL - THE AUDITOR'S ROLE IN GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE **MEASURES** 

#### **SPEAKERS:**

Paul D. Epstein, Stuart S. Grifel, CIA, CGAP Stephen L. Morgan, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, CFE

#### DATE:

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2009

#### TIMES:

1:00 -2:50 P.M. CDT

#### **FORMAT:**

NATIONAL AUDIO CONFERENCE

#### CPES:

2 CREDIT HOURS

#### **LOCATIONS:**

**Michoud Assembly Facility** NASA Auditorium - 2nd Floor 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, Louisiana

#### **COST:**

**AGA MEMBERS: \$30** 

**OTHERS: \$50** 

The AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule – the auditor's role in government performance measures.

Government Auditors can increase their value by taking on new roles and practices aimed at improving performance measurement and management. Audio conference participants will learn how to apply an organized framework to determine which specific practices provide the best opportunities for adding new value to the entity they serve. The framework will be presented in the context of models of effective governance, service delivery, managing for results and organizational learning. Situational examples and case histories will help participants learn:

- 1. Where to obtain tools used by innovative auditors for implementing these practices.
- How to change auditor roles and practices used over time to keep adding more value as performance management in their government entity evolves.

To share their practical experiences in auditing and views towards government performance measures are: Paul D. Epstein, Project Manager, Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measurement, and Leader of the Results That Matter Team, Epstein & Fass Associates; Stuart S. Grifel, CIA, CGAP, Audit Services Division, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, Palm Beach County, FL; and Stephen L. Morgan, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, CFE, former City Auditor of Austin, Texas.

**Please join us** for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speaker's commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speaker questions and share their own experiences.

Please provide the Request, Authorization Agreement & Certification of Training form, SF-182's of employees that will be participating in this audio conference, by COB November 13, 2009 to Darrell Dupuy. Please call Chris Lewis, (6-5109) or Jeff Orillion, (6-5434) if you have any questions and or concerns.

CPE Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)

### Tax Corner

# Ten Facts about the First-Time Homebuyer Credit

Many taxpayers who purchase a home this year will qualify for an \$8,000 federal tax credit. The refundable first-time homebuyer credit is a major tax provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. But time is running out to qualify for this credit.

Here are ten things the IRS wants you to know about the first-time homebuyer credit:

- 1. To be considered a first-time homebuyer, you and your spouse if you are married must not have jointly or separately owned another principal residence during the three years prior to the date of purchase.
- 2. You cannot claim the credit before there is a completed sale and purchase of the residence. The sale and purchase are generally completed at the time of closing on the purchase.
- 3. To qualify for the credit, the completed purchase must occur before December 1, 2009.
- 4. The home must be located in the United States.
- 5. The credit is either 10 percent of the purchase price of the home or \$8,000, whichever is less.
- 6. The amount of the credit begins to phase out for taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income is more than \$75,000 or \$150,000 for joint filers.
- 7. The credit is fully refundable. A homebuyer with no taxable income, who qualifies for the credit, may file for the sole purpose of claiming the credit and receive a refund. The credit will be paid out to eligible taxpayers, even if they owe no tax or the credit is more than the tax owed.
- 8. The credit is claimed on IRS Form 5405, First-Time Homebuyers Credit.
- 9. Taxpayers can claim the credit for a qualified 2009 purchase on either their 2008 or 2009 tax return. For those who have filed a 2008 return, a Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return can be filed in order to get a refund in 2009.
- 10. The credit for qualified 2009 purchases does not have to be repaid, as long as the home remains your main home for 36 months after the purchase date.

Qualified taxpayers who have been considering a main home purchase may find extra incentive from this tax credit to buy now so they can complete the purchase before the December 1 deadline.

For more information on this and other key tax provisions of the Recovery Act visit the official IRS Website at IRS.gov/Recovery.

#### Links:

- First-Time Homebuyer Credit
- YouTube Video First-Time Homebuyer: English | Spanish | ASL
- Audio File for Podcast First-Time Homebuyer Credit 2009: English | Spanish
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Information Center
- Form 5405, First-Time Homebuyer Credit (PDF)
- Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (PDF)

# Recognition Points 2009 -2010 First Quarter

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through September 2009
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	2,250
Education & Professional Development	4,000	150
Certification	4,000	250
Communications	3,000	1,355
Membership	3,000	200
Early Career and Student Members	2,000	350
Community Service	2,000	200
Awards	1,000	0
Total	22,000	4,755

**Call for Nominations** - AGA's National Nominating Committee is seeking members for volunteer leadership positions (three-year term to begin July 1, 2010) as *National President-Elect, National Treasurer-Elect, Senior Vice President for Regional Services* — *Section II, Senior Vice President At-Large* and 15 Regional Vice Presidents (RVP)-Elect. **Nominations are due Friday, Oct. 30, 2009.** For additional information visit the AGA website <a href="https://www.agacgfm.org">www.agacgfm.org</a> or contact Michiyo Wheeler at 1.800.AGA.7211, extension 321.

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# **New Orleans Chapter Association of Government Accountants**

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in New Assets

Statement of Net Assets				Three Months End
September 30, 2009		Septe	mber 30, 2009	September 30, 2009
Assets		Operating Revenues		
CURRENT ASSETS:		Education/Training	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash	\$2,954.70	Monthly Meetings	538.00	538.00
Savings	9,389.38	Christmas Party	0.00	0.00
Deposit – Restaurants	550.00	50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Seminar Expenses	0.00	Membership Dues	413.35	413.35
Accounts Receivable	0.00	Donations	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,894.08	Interest Income	<u>5.08</u>	<u>5.08</u>
		Total operating revenu	e \$956.43	\$956.43
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Accounts Payable	\$119.31	Operating Expenses		
NET ASSETS:		Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Recruitment	475.00	Business Meetings	560.00	560.00
Habitat Project Funds	0.00	Christmas Party	0.00	0.00
Hurricane Relief Fund	2,709.25	50/50 Raffle	0.00	0.00
Unrestricted net assets	9,590.52	Postage/Supplies/Gifts	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		AGA PDC Raffle Basket	0.00	0.00
AND NET ASSETS	\$12,894.08	Scholarship Winner	0.00	0.00
		Bank Charges	0.00	0.00
		Donations	0.00	0.00
		Speakers Gifts	0.00	0.00
		Habitat Crayfish Boil	0.00	0.00
		Officer Awards	0.00	0.00
		Total operating expense	s \$560.00	\$560.00
		Operating Income (Loss)	\$396.43	\$396.43
		Non-operating Revenues		
		(Expenses)	\$0.00	0.00
		Income (Loss) before Contributions	s \$396.43	\$396.43
		Capital Contributions:	\$0.00	\$380.69
		Change in Net Assets	\$396.43	\$777.12
		Net Assets at Beginning of Period	\$4,224.14	\$8,813.40
		Net Assets at End of Period	\$4,620.57	\$9,590.52